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Sir:

For the possible benefit of anyone subsequently evaluating the scope and/or validity of the above patent, it is respectfully requested that the following references, cited in the corresponding Chinese Application, be placed in the file wrapper:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,391,774, issued May 21, 2002.
2. Chinese Office Action, dated July 15, 2005, with an English translation thereof.

The undersigned has not reviewed the teachings of these references in detail and, thus, makes no representations concerning their relevancy or materiality.

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